



Enhancement of lipid accumulation in oleaginous marine yeast; *Candida* sp. for biodiesel production and antimicrobial properties

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ABSTRACT

Fatty acids, both free or as part of complex lipids, are essential components of all vital membranes. Thus, the aim of the present study is the production of fatty acids by marine yeast using some natural of low price sources. Marine *Candida* sp. isolated from SidiBishr, Mediterranean Sea, Egypt, showed the highest capabilities of lipid accumulation by 42.8% in 1.9 gL⁻¹ dry biomass. Optimization of the fermented conditions for lipid production was carried out by using one factor at time. Molasses and urea as carbon and nitrogen sources showed the highest lipid content 71% in 6 gL⁻¹ biomass at pH 5, 25°C and 20% inoculum size, where, lipid accumulation and dry biomass of marine *Candida* sp. increased by 1.7 and 3.2 fold, respectively. Esterification of the accumulative lipid was performed, resulting in 34 fatty acid methyl esters (FAMES) detected by Gas chromatographic analysis. Biodiesel properties were estimated showing the Degree of Unsaturation (DU), 98.87; Long Chain Saturation Factor (LCSF), 13.96; Iodine Value (IV), 105.07; Saponification Value (SV), 190.34; the Cetane Number (CN), 57.43; Kinematic Viscosity (ν), 4.52; Density (ρ), 0.87 and the Higher Heating Value (HHV), 40.05. Antibacterial activity of the extracted lipid showed inhibition zone diameters ranged from 10 to 17 mm. Moreover antifungal activity against some pathogens ranged from 50 -100%.

INTRODUCTION

Microbial lipid as superseding source of lipid has attracted attention from the first years of twentieth century (Ratledge, 2005, Liang and Jiang, 2013). Oleaginous yeasts are preferable than the other microbial sources for the production of triglycerides, surfactants and poly unsaturated fatty acids (Yamada *et al.*, 2017) due to their easy cultivation and the time that needed to become two fold biomass is less than one hour. Yeast applicable for lipid production are *Candida*, *Yarrowia*, *Rhodotorulla*, *Rhodospiridium*, *Cryptococcus*, *Trichosporon* and *Lipomyces*, which can accumulate different types of lipids or fatty acids according to the medium composition (Ageitos *et al.*, 2011).

Nowadays, an increased demand for clean and non-toxic energy was targeting due to the rapid growth of world's inhabitation and crisis of fuels (Vairavan *et al.*, 2010, Helwani *et al.*, 2009).

Currently, marine yeasts have been reported as promising alternative for generation of biodiesel (Obara *et al.*, 2012; Khambhaty *et al.*, 2013, Zaky *et al.*, 2014; Park *et al.*, 2018).

Another economic problem is the limited availability of omega-3 fatty acids, because the production of them is by marine fisheries, which cannot face demands of the growing market (Xue *et al.*, 2013). Thus there is a need for another non-animal source of omega-3 fatty acids. Scholza *et al.* (1999) reported the better survival and effective clearance of the pathogenic bacteria from the hemolymph of *Penaeus vannamei* (shrimp) reared on two depended fatty acid yeast strains; *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* and *Phaffia rhodozyma*.

Thus, the goal of the present study was isolation of marine yeast strain which capable for lipid production using low cost substrates through the optimized conditions. Trans-esterification of fatty acids and composition of final products were investigated using GC-MS analysis. Biodiesel generation and antimicrobial properties were investigated as potential applications.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Collection of samples and marine yeast isolation

Water samples were gathered from different sites of Mediterranean coasts, Egypt, in a sterile screw capped bottles, transferred to laboratory, and stored at 4°C. Different dilutions were prepared, one hundred microliter of each dilution was spread and plated on to sterile plates containing potato dextrose agar (PDA) (Cat.1261.00, CONDA), final pH 5±0.2 at 25°C. Colonies distinct in size and morphology were selected, picked up and purified on potato dextrose slants and kept at 4°C for further studies.

Indicator pathogenic microorganisms

The pathogenic microbial strains used to estimate the antimicrobial activity included: *Aeromonas hydrophila*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Pseudomonas sp.*, *Vibrio cholerae*, *V. fluvialis*, *V. parahaemolyticus* and *Escherichia coli*, *Helminthosporium sp.*, *Rhizoctonia solani*, *Rhizopus oryzae* and *Fusarium solani*. They were kindly provided by Marine Microbiology Department, Environment division, National Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries, Alexandria, Egypt

Growth conditions

Colonies of yeast were incubated on PDA slants for 48 h, and then used to inoculate 100 ml of medium containing (g l⁻¹): Glucose, 20; peptone, 5; yeast extract, 15 and incubated at 25°C for 4 days under shaking condition (Dai *et al.*, 2007).

Determination of yeast dry mass

The fermented cultures were centrifuged at 6000 g for twenty minutes. Then washing of the obtained mass was carried out with distilled water and then dried at 60°C. Gravimetric method was used to determine the biomass (El-Fadaly *et al.*, 2009).

Total lipid extraction

Lipid extraction was done according to Kraisintu *et al.* (2010); first, washing the centrifuged yeast cells with 40 ml of distilled water for two times, acid hydrolysis using 8 ml of 4M hydrochloric acid at 60°C for two hours, followed by stirring with mixture of methanol /chloroform (1:1) for three hours. Then centrifugation at 5000 g for five minutes was carried out for separation of the lower phase and aqueous upper phase. Then the lower phase was evaporated for recovery of lipid. After that the dry

lipid was determined gravimetrically. The total extracted lipid yield (%w/w) was determined as in the following equation (Gutierrez *et al.*, 2008).

$$\text{Total lipid extraction yield (\%)} = \frac{\text{Weight of lipid extracted (g)}}{\text{Weight of yeast biomass (g)}} \times 100$$

Identification of promising oleaginous yeast

The most potent yeast isolate with the highest lipid accumulation was identified according to morphological, biochemical and physiological characteristics using Analytical Profile Index (API-20 AUX V4.0) covering 20 different biochemical reactions (Barnett *et al.*, 1990).

Optimization of fermentation conditions

Effect of different carbon and nitrogen sources

Yeast isolate was screened for production of lipid using different carbon sources: (20 g l⁻¹) molasses, bran, corn, oat and rice straw. Rice, bran, oat and corn were hydrolyzed by HCl (5%) and incubated at 110°C for 20 min before use. Ten ml of hydrolyzed mass in 40 ml of distilled water were added to the production media at equivalent weight. Using the potent carbon source, different nitrogen compounds: sodium nitrate, ammonium nitrate, ammonium sulphate and urea were added at equivalent weight to the production medium. Both experiments were separately inoculated with 1% yeast culture (A₆₀₀= 1) in the medium and incubated at 30°C for 5 days under shake conditions. Dry biomass and content of lipid were determined (Enshaeieh *et al.*, 2012).

Effect of different pH, temperature and inoculum size

Yeast isolate was cultivated in the production media containing the best carbon and nitrogen sources at different pH values (3, 4, 5, 7, and 8) at 25°C, temperatures (5, 25, 30, and 45°C) and volumes of yeast culture (5, 10, 20, and 30 ml) under shake conditions. Each experiment was separately performed. Dry biomass and content of lipid were determined in each case (Devi and Velayutham, 2011).

Fatty acids profile

The obtained yeast biomass (45 g) under the optimized culture conditions was used for extraction of fatty acid and esterification according to Lewis *et al.* (2000). Profile of the fatty acids in the extracted lipid was detected using gas chromatography analysis system (GC-QqQ/MS triple Quad, Agilent 7890A series GC system coupled with an Agilent 7000B QqQMS; Agilent Technologies Inc., USA).

Biodiesel properties

The physical properties of biodiesel products were calculated according to Islam *et al.* (2013) and Saravanan *et al.* (2013) depending on profile of the fatty acids.

Antibacterial activity

Antibacterial activity of the extracted fatty acids against different pathogens was performed using the well-cut diffusion technique. Briefly, wells were punched in agar plates (using a sterile cork borer) seeded with pathogens, 100 µl of the extracted fatty acids was added in each well. After incubation at 30°C for 24h, the positive result was detected as clear zone around wells (El-Masry *et al.*, 2002).

Antifungal activity

Antifungal activity of the extracted fatty acids was tested against *F. solani*, *R. solani*, *R. oryzae*, and *Helminthosporium* sp. using the method recommended by Kumar *et al.* (2011).

Statistical analysis

Data analysis was performed with the software package Microsoft Excel, Version 2003. Statistically significant difference was determined using paired Student's-t test and P ≤ 0.05 was used as a limit to indicate statistical significance.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Lipid production by marine yeast isolates

Different marine yeast strains were isolated from different stations of Mediterranean Sea, Egypt, and screened for their capabilities to accumulate lipid. Out of 10 isolates, S2 strain from SidiBishr coast showed promising capability for lipid accumulation. The isolate S2 exhibited the highest dry weight (1.9 g l^{-1}) and lipid content (42.8%) upon growing on medium containing glucose.

Identification of S2 yeast strain

Biochemical and physiological analyses in Table 1 indicated that S2 strain is identified as *Candida* sp. It appears off white on Chrom Agar Candida medium. Figure 1 represents scanning electron micrograph of *Candida* sp. that was previously proven for lipid accumulation (Kolouchová *et al.*, 2016).

Table 1: Physiological characteristics of the potent yeast isolate (S2)

| Characteristic | Observation |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Utilization of | |
| Calcium 2-ceto- | + |
| L-arabinose | + |
| D-xylose | - |
| Adontol | + |
| Xylitol | + |
| D-galactose | - |
| Inosol | + |
| D-sorbitol | - |
| Methyl-D- | + |
| N-Acetyl-glucosmine | + |
| D-celobiose | + |
| D-lactose | + |
| D-maltose | + |
| D-saccharose | + |
| D-trehalose | + |
| D-meleztose | + |
| D-rafinose | + |

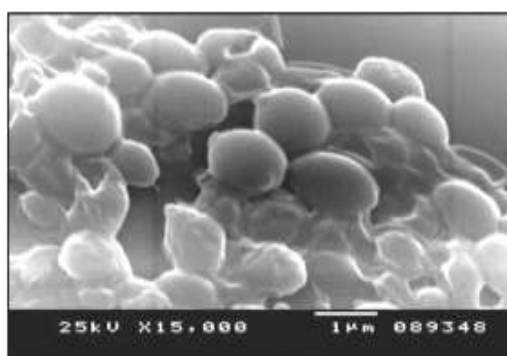


Fig. 1: Electron micrograph showing cells of *Candida* sp.

Optimization of fermentation conditions for lipid production by *Candida* sp.

Synthesis of lipids is affected by culture conditions such as medium pH, incubation temperature, nutrient limitation (Sitepu *et al.*, 2013; Carsanba *et al.*, 2018). So, it is possible to enhance lipid production by manipulating the culture conditions.

Effect of different carbon sources

Glucose as carbon source was used for lipid production in different studies (Fei *et al.*, 2011). Different low cost wastes were promising for production of lipid (Kosa and Ragauskas, 2011). In the present study, the marine *Candida* sp. was screened for production of lipid using different natural and cheap carbon sources such as molasses, hydrolysates of bran, rice straw, oat and corn. As shown in Figure 2a, *Candida* sp. exhibited the highest lipid content (55.4%) in 4 g l⁻¹ dry biomass upon using molasses as carbon source, while the lowest biomass (1.8 g l⁻¹) and lipid content (10%) was in case of growing in medium containing rice as carbon source. The same finding was observed by Dai *et al.* (2007) who reported that straw hydrolyte was unfavorable for growth of the oleaginous yeast; *Rhodotorula glutinis*, while molasses was favorable for production of lipid by *Cryptococcus curvatus* NRRLY-1511 (El-Fadaly *et al.*, 2009).

Effect of different nitrogen sources

Effect of nitrogen sources on dry biomass and content of lipid was investigated. Results in Figure 2b showed that urea realized the highest lipid content (60%) and biomass 4.5 g l⁻¹. In accordance, Zhu *et al.* (2008) recommended the organic nitrogen “urea” as good source for lipid production, while mineral nitrogen had good effect on biomass yield of *Trichosporon fermentans* CICC 1368. The same was shown by Azad *et al.* (2014). Another investigation revealed that ammonium sulfate and yeast extract were preferable for lipid production by *Rhodotorula* yeast (Enshaeieh *et al.*, 2012).

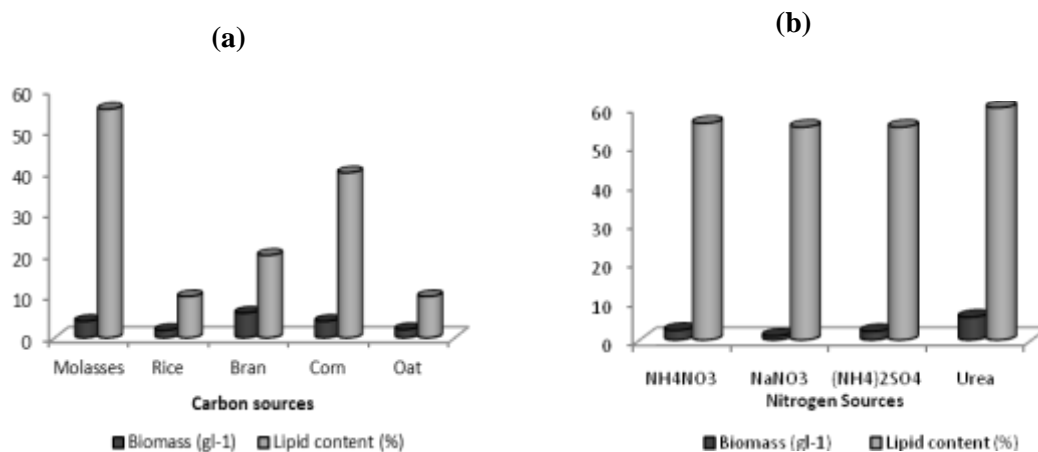


Fig. 2: Effect of different carbon (a) and nitrogen (b) sources on lipid accumulation and dry biomass by *Candida* sp.

Effect of different pH

The pH of the medium affects growth and product formation (Barnett *et al.*, 1990). Evaluation of lipid production and biomass was investigated at different pH (3, 4, 5, 7, and 8). Results in Figure 3a indicated that the highest lipid content (61.5%) and dry biomass (5.2 g l⁻¹) were observed at pH 5, while lipid content was gradually decreased at pH lower or higher than 5. Dias *et al.* (2016) reported that the

Rhodospiridium toruloides NCYC 921 highest biomass and lipid content were 5.90 g l^{-1} and 21.85%, w/w, respectively, at pH 4.0. El-Fadaly *et al.* (2009) considered the highest production of lipid by *Cryptococcus curvatus* NRRLY-1511 strain at pH 5.5.

Effect of temperature

Change in temperature is an important factor affecting lipid accumulation (Taskinet *al.*, 2015). This experiment was carried out to evaluate the effect of different temperature (5, 25, 30, and 45°C) on accumulation of lipid by *Candida* sp. As shown in Figure 3b, there was a general trend towards an increased relative amount of lipid content and biomass with increasing growth temperature until reaching 25°C with 65% lipid content and 5 g l^{-1} for biomass. Similar feature was documented by Huang *et al.* (2012) for oleaginous yeast; *Trichosporon fermentans*. Contrary, 15°C was favorable for oleaginous yeast *Yarrowia lipolytica* B9 (Taskin *et al.*, 2015).

Effect of inoculum size

The effect of inoculum size (5, 10, 20, and 30%) on lipid production by *Candida* sp. was investigated. It is clear from Figure 3c that the maximum lipid content (71%) and biomass (6 g l^{-1}) was obtained with an inoculum size of 20% and nearly equal lipid content was obtained upon using 5% and 10% inoculum size. More inoculum size (30%) decreased the lipid accumulation, where molasses was preferable as energy source instead of production of lipid (Christophe *et al.*, 2012). Dai *et al.* (2007) stated that 5% was the most suitable inoculum size for better biomass and lipid production. The same finding was observed by Huang *et al.* (2012). Another study by Taskin *et al.* (2015) showed that the highest content of lipid and biomass of oleaginous yeast *Yarrowia lipolytica* B9 were (28%) and (4.38 g l^{-1}) with an inoculum size of 3%. Jiru *et al.* (2017) reported that 10% v/v inoculum size was the optimum inoculum size for lipid accumulation by *Rhodotorula kratochvilovae*.

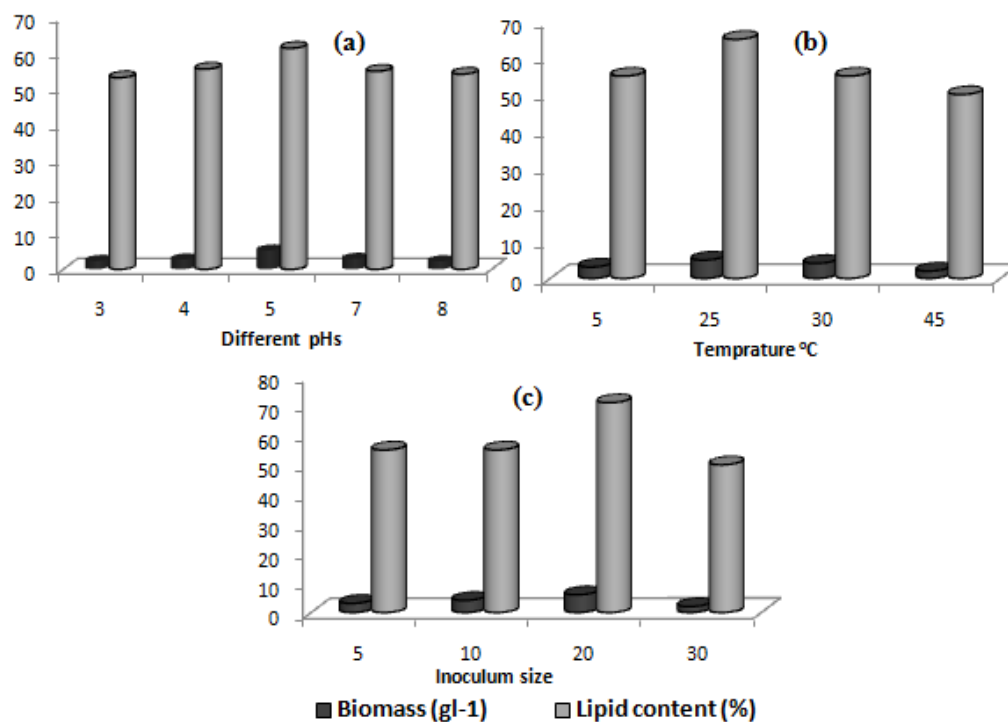


Fig. 3: Effect of temperature (a), pH (b) and inoculum size (c) on lipid accumulation and dry biomass by *Candida* sp.

Generally, the results of the current study concluded that 1.7 and 3.2 fold increase in lipid content (71%) and dry biomass (6 g l^{-1}) of the marine yeast *Candida* sp. was achieved up on growing under the optimized culture conditions compared to the basal conditions (42.8 % and 1.9 g l^{-1}), respectively. ANOVA test ($P \leq 0.05$) was used to predict the most significant factors affecting lipid accumulation by *Candida* sp. Accordingly, it was revealed that among the tested parameters; carbon sources ($P = 0.035$), pH ($P = 0.046$) and inoculum size ($P = 0.002$) were the most significant factors affecting the bioaccumulation of lipid by *Candida* sp.

Analysis of extracted lipids using GC-MS

The fatty acids in the lipid content of *Candida* sp. were determined using GC-MS according to standard methods. Data presented in Table 2 showed 34 fatty acids; sixteen saturated; seven monosaturated and eleven polyunsaturated.

Table 2: Analysis of extracted lipid profile from marine *Candida* sp. using GC-MS

| Type | Compound | Formula | Molecular weight (g/mol) | % fatty acids |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------|---------------|
| Saturated | Caproic acid methyl ester (C6) | $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_2$ | 116.16 | 0.34 |
| | Caprylic acid methyl ester (C8) | $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{16}\text{O}_2$ | 144.21 | 0.20 |
| | Capric acid methyl ester (C10) | $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{20}\text{O}_2$ | 172.26 | 0.24 |
| | Undecanoic acid methyl ester (C11) | $\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_9\text{COOH}$ | 186.29 | 0.18 |
| | Lauric acid methyl ester (C12) | $\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_{10}\text{COOH}$ | 200.32 | 0.20 |
| | Tridecanoic acid methyl ester (C13) | $\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_{11}\text{CO}_2\text{H}$ | 214.34 | 0.06 |
| | Myristic acid methyl ester (C14) | $\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_{12}\text{COOH}$ | 228.37 | 0.59 |
| | Pentadecanoicame (C15) | $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_2$ | 242.40 | 0.64 |
| | Palmiticame (C16) | $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_2$ | 256.43 | 7.43 |
| | Heptadecanoicame (C17) | $\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_{15}\text{COOH}$ | 270.45 | 0.88 |
| | Stearic acid methyl ester (C18) | $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{36}\text{O}_2$ | 284.48 | 6.30 |
| | Arachidic acid methyl ester (C20) | $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{40}\text{O}_2$ | 312.54 | 0.25 |
| | Heneicosanoicame (C21) | $\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_{19}\text{COOH}_3$ | 326.56 | 0.41 |
| | Tricosanoicame (C23) | $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{46}\text{O}_2$ | 354.35 | 0.44 |
| | Behenoic acid methyl ester (C22) | $\text{C}_{23}\text{H}_{46}\text{O}_2$ | 340.59 | 0.60 |
| Lignoceric acid methyl ester (C24) | $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{48}\text{O}_2$ | 368.63 | 4.40 | |
| Monounsaturated | Myristoleic acid methyl ester (C14) | $\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{CH}=\text{CH}(\text{CH})_7\text{CO}_2\text{H}$ | 226.36 | 0.08 |
| | cis-10-Pentadecenoic ame (C15) | $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{28}\text{O}_2$ | 240.38 | 1.88 |
| | Palmitoleicame (C16) | $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_2$ | 254.41 | 4.69 |
| | cis-10-Heptadecenoic ame (C17) | $\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_{15}\text{COOH}$ | 268.43 | 1.43 |
| | Elaidic acid methyl ester (C18) | $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{34}\text{O}_2$ | 282.46 | 1.12 |
| | Erucic acid methyl ester (C22) | $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{42}\text{O}_2$ | 338.58 | 0.47 |
| | Docosadienoicame (C22) | $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{40}\text{O}_2$ | 336.56 | 0.33 |
| Polyunsaturated ($\omega-3$) | Linolenicame (C18) | $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_2$ | 278.43 | 18.28 |
| | Eicosapentaenoicame (C20) | $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_2$ | 302.45 | 0.16 |
| | Eicosatrienoicame (C20) | $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{34}\text{O}_2$ | 306.49 | 0.39 |
| | Eicosenoicame (C20) | $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{38}\text{O}_2$ | 310.51 | 0.51 |
| Polyunsaturated ($\omega-6$) | Eicosatrienoicame (C20) | $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{34}\text{O}_2$ | 306.49 | 0.34 |
| | gama-Linolenicame (C18) | $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_2$ | 278.44 | 0.36 |
| | Arachidonicame (C20) | $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_2$ | 304.47 | 0.83 |
| | Eicosadienoicame (C20) | $\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{36}\text{O}_2$ | 506.00 | 0.35 |
| Polyunsaturated ($\omega-9$) | Docosahexaenoicame (C22) | $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_2$ | 328.49 | 0.44 |
| | Oleic acid methyl ester (C18) | $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{34}\text{O}_2$ | 282.46 | 46.82 |
| | Nervonic acid methyl ester (C24) | $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{46}\text{O}_2$ | 366.62 | 0.22 |

The highest % of fatty acid was presented by oleic acid methyl ester (C18, 46.82%) followed by linolenic acid methyl ester (C18, 18.28%), however, the lower values were recorded for palmitic acid methyl ester (C16, 7.43%) and stearic acid methyl ester (C18, 6.30%). The lowest records were from 0.1-4.4 %. Different cultivation conditions are known to affect the composition of fatty acids in cultivated yeast (Makri *et al.*, 2010). Recently, Tsakraklides *et al.* (2018) reported the production of high-oleate triacylglyceride oil by oleaginous yeast *Yarrowia lipolytica* for lubricant applications.

Biodiesel production from microbial lipids and the resulted biodiesel properties

Trans-esterification procedures of the extracted lipids from *Candida* sp. were used to detect biodiesel properties. The best physicochemical properties of the produced biodiesel are represented in Table 3. Cetane Number (CN) of the fuel is an important parameter and responsible for the delay period. Higher cetane number cause lower delay period and smoother engine operation. In the current investigation, the obtained biodiesel has a CN (57.43), which in the range of the British biodiesel standard EN (14214). Kinematic viscosity (ν) is a measure of the internal friction or resistance of oil to flow. The operation of fuel injection equipment and fluidity of the fuel are highly affected by kinematic viscosity (Sivaramakrishnan and Ravikumar, 2012). In our study, kinematic viscosity of the produced biodiesel was $4.5 \text{ mm}^2\text{s}^{-1}$, which meets international biodiesel standard EN 14214 ($3.5\text{-}5.0 \text{ mm}^2\text{s}^{-1}$). Density (ρ) is another important parameter for biodiesel quality (Ng and Gan, 2012). The value of density was 0.87 g cm^{-3} , which is and in a good agreement with results reported by Duarte and Maugeri (2014). Content of energy in the fuel is measured by the Heat of combustion (HHV). HHV value in the present study (40.05 MJ kg^{-1}), was closed to that reported by Ramirez-Verduzco *et al.* (2012) and also to that of biodiesel blend *Jatropha* ($39.17\text{-}41.52 \text{ MJ kg}^{-1}$). Ability of biodiesel to react with oxygen at room temperature is known as the Iodine Index (IV). In the current study, IV value (105.07 g) is within the limits of the standards and in agreement with the results of Duarte and Maugeri (2014). The Degree of Long Chain Saturation Factor (LCSF) and Unsaturation (DU) values recorded 13.96 and 98.87.

Table 3: Properties of biodiesel produced from trans-esterification process of marine *Candida* sp. fatty acids

| Conditions | Biodiesel Standard EN (14214) | Experimental values |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| DU | - | 98.87 |
| LCSF | - | 13.96 |
| IV ($\text{g I}_2/100\text{g}^{-1}\text{fat}$) | ≤ 120 | 105.07 |
| SV (mg KOH g^{-1}) | - | 190.34 |
| Cetane number (CN) | ≥ 51 | 57.43 |
| Saturated fatty acid SFAs (%) | - | 22.90 |
| Monounsaturated fatty acid MUFA (%) | - | 55.33 |
| Polyunsaturated fatty acid PUFA (%) | - | 21.77 |
| Kinematic viscosity (ν) (mm^2s^{-1}) | 3.5–5.0 | 4.52 |
| Density (ρ) (g cm^{-3}) | 0.86–0.9 | 0.87 |
| HHV (MJ kg^{-1}) | NA | 40.05 |

Antimicrobial properties

Unsaturated fatty acids (C16–C20) are documented as additives to antibacterial components and most food additives, due to antibacterial activity against different pathogens (Sun *et al.*, 2003). Thus the present experiment looked for testing the naturally produced fatty acids by marine *Candida* sp. for their antibacterial action

against different fish pathogens aiming to improve the fish health and combating the pathogenic invaders. The tested fatty acids showed antibacterial activity with inhibition zone diameters (10-17 mm), while no activity was detected against *E. coli* and *P. aeruginosa* as shown in Table 4. The produced fatty acids from marine *Candida* sp. have a valuable importance in the fish health and aquaculture sanitary. Their antagonistic activity is attributed to the presence of the unsaturated types (Sun *et al.*, 2003). Zheng *et al.* (2005) stated that the unsaturated fatty acids such as linoleic acid were capable to inhibit *E. coli* and *S. aureus*. Lara-Flores *et al.* (2010) concluded that, supplementation of yeast to protein diet of shrimp enhanced the health and performance.

Table 4: Antibacterial activity of fatty acids produced by *Candida* sp. against different bacterial pathogens

| Pathogen | Inhibition zone diameter (mm) |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <i>A. hydrophila</i> | 10 |
| <i>E. coli</i> | - |
| <i>P. aeruginosa</i> | - |
| <i>Pseudomonas</i> sp. | 17 |
| <i>V. cholera</i> | 14 |
| <i>V. fluvialis</i> | 10 |
| <i>V. parahaemolyticus</i> | 15 |

The potentiality of the produced fatty acids as antifungal agent was tested. Results in Table 5 revealed that complete inhibition of *Helminthosporium* sp. was observed. On the other side, the tested fatty acids inhibited the growth of *R. solani*, *R. oryzae* and *F. solani* with 89, 78, and 50%, respectively. In the present study, the produced fatty acids were known to have potential elimination of fungal growth as was previously reported (Agoramoorthy *et al.*, 2007; Pinto *et al.*, 2017).

Table 5: Antifungal activity of fatty acids produced by *Candida* sp. against different fungal pathogens.

| Fungal pathogens | Growth inhibition (%) |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>Helminthosporium</i> sp. | 100 |
| <i>R. solani</i> | 89 |
| <i>R. oryzae</i> | 78 |
| <i>F. solani</i> | 50 |

CONCLUSION

The present study aimed to the accumulation of lipid by marine yeast isolates as natural and ecofriendly source using cheap natural materials that have potential to reduce the price of lipid for some potential applications. The effect of different factors on yeast dry mass and accumulation of lipid was studied. Among the screened carbon and nitrogen sources, molasses and urea lead to higher lipid production (71%) at pH 5 and 20% as inoculum size at incubation temperature 25°C. Marine *Candida* sp. is a promising than microalgae in the biodiesel production because of their fast and high biomass formation with no need to light or costly requirements. In sight into enhancement of biodiesel properties will be conducted in the future work. Indeed, polyunsaturated fatty acids, especially omega-3 detected in the lipid content of *Candida* sp. exhibited good antimicrobial activities against different bacterial and fungal pathogens. Consequently, marine *Candida* sp. is considered a good natural and cheap source for applications concerning fish health.

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ARABIC SUMMARY

زيادة تراكم الدهون في الخميرة البحرية *Candida* sp. من أجل إنتاج الديزِيل الحيوي والخواص المضادة للميكروبات

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الأحماض الدهنية، سواء كانت حرة أو كجزء من الدهون المعقدة، هي مكونات أساسية لجميع الأغشية الحيوية. وبالتالي، فإن الهدف من هذه الدراسة هو إنتاج الأحماض الدهنية عن طريق الخميرة البحرية باستخدام بعض المصادر الطبيعية منخفضة السعر. عُزلت *Candida* sp. البحرية من سيدي بشر، بالبحر الأبيض المتوسط، مصر. أظهرت أعلى قدرة تراكم الدهون بنسبة ٤٢.٨% بكتلة حيوية ١.٩ جرام للتر. تم دراسة ظروف التخمر المثلى لإنتاج الدهون بها باستخدام عامل واحد مع الزمن. أظهر المولاس واليوريا كمصدر للكربون والنيتروجين أعلى نسبة دهون ٧١% بكتلة حيوية ٦ جرام في اللتر، على التوالي، وعند درجة حموضة ٥ و ٢٥ درجة مئوية و ٢٠% من حجم التلقيح، حيث زاد تراكم الدهون والكتلة الحيوية الجافة لـ *Candida* sp. البحرية بـ ١.٧ و ٣.٢ ضعف، على التوالي. تم إجراء عملية استرة للدهون المتراكمة، مما أسفر عن ٣٤ استرات ميثيل حمض دهني (FAMS) تم اكتشافها بواسطة تحليل كروماتوجرافيا الغاز. تم تقدير خصائص الديزل الحيوي الناتج فتبين أن له درجة عدم التشبع (DU: 98.87)، معامل تشبع السلسلة الطويلة (LCSF: 13.96)، قيمة اليود (IV: 105.074)، قيمة التصين (SV: 190.34)، رقم السيٲان (CN: 57.43)، اللزوجة الحركية (v: 4.52)، الكثافة (ρ: 0.87)، وقيمة التسخين الأعلى (HHV: 40.05). أظهر النشاط المضاد للبكتيريا في الدهون المستخلصة أقطار منطقة التثبيط، تراوحت من ١٠ إلى ١٧ مم. علاوة على ذلك، تراوح النشاط المضاد للفطريات ضد بعض مسببات الأمراض بين ٥٠ و ١٠٠%.